AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) An antimicrobial composition comprising:

(a) a first antimicrobial agent consisting of between 1 and 5 % (v/v) octoxyglycerin, and a quaternary ammonium compound, wherein the octoxyglycerin and quaternary ammonium compound are present in amounts which exhibit antimicrobial synergy,

(b) a second antimicrobial agent selected from the group consisting of a biguanide compound, triclosan, phenoxyethanol, an iodine compound and parachlorometaxylenol,

(c) between 0.2 and 7 % (v/v) of a first zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc acetate, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, and

(d) between 0.2 and 7 % (v/v) of a second zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc acetate, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, wherein the first and second zinc compounds are different,

wherein the antimicrobial composition is effective in inhibiting gram (+) and gram (-) bacteria, and wherein the antimicrobial composition is a hydroalcoholic gel.

2. (Previously presented) An antimicrobial composition comprising:

(a) a first antimicrobial agent consisting of between 1 and 5 percent (volume/volume) octoxyglycerin, and between 0.05 and 0.2 percent (v/v) of benzalkonium chloride, wherein the octoxyglycerin and benzalkonium chloride are present in amounts which exhibit antimicrobial synergy,

(b) a second antimicrobial agent consisting of between 0.5 and 4 percent (v/v) of chlorhexidine digluconate,

(c) between 0.2 and 7 percent (v/v) of a first zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, and

(d) between 0.2 and 7 % (v/v) of a second zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc acetate, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, wherein the first and second zinc compounds are different,

wherein the antimicrobial composition is effective in inhibiting gram (+) and gram (-) bacteria, and wherein the antimicrobial composition is a hydroalcoholic gel.

3. (Previously presented) The antimicrobial composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an emulsifier selected from the group consisting of a cationic emulsifier and a non-ionic self emulsifying wax.

4. (Previously presented) The antimicrobial composition of claim 2, wherein the composition further comprises an emulsifier selected from the group consisting of a cationic emulsifier and a non-ionic self emulsifying wax.